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1. At a meeting of the SED Executive Committee on 19-20 March 1948 it was stated that the CFM no longer exists and that the ACA is unable to agree on any question. Therefore, the Volksrat is the only body which speaks for all of Germany. **Comment:** This information was contained in a SED communique to the press on 22 March which attributed the above to Grotewohl.)
2. Source reports that the Volksrat will be given full powers in the Russian Zone. The election, with only one list of candidates, will be engineered, after which Soviet troops will be withdrawn. The Russians expect to win a great propaganda victory in western Germany as a result. They are taking this step because of the solid opposition of France, Great Britain, and the United States in the ACA which prevents the attainment of Russian aims through the ACA.

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